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## Man Charged with Series of Robberies in Pomona

A 20-year-old man has been charged with robbing three bakeries and a gas station within a month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Wednesday, defendant Yvess Emmanuel Ibarra-Vega (dob 8/13/95) of Pomona was charged with seven felony counts of second-degree robbery in case KA111371.

The defendant was scheduled to be arraigned today, but the court appearance was continued to tomorrow in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Prosecutors will ask bail be set at \$500,000.

Deputy District Attorney Lauren Guber, who is assigned to the case, said between Nov. 8 and Dec. 8, Ibarra-Vega reportedly armed himself with a replica gun and robbed four Pomona businesses, three of them twice.

The prosecutor said Ibarra-Vega allegedly robbed the same gas station on Nov. 8 and Dec. 8. Additionally, the defendant reportedly stole money from a bakery on Nov. 17 and 28, and another bakery on Nov. 18 and 28. A third bakery also allegedly was robbed by the defendant on Nov. 22.

Following the series of robberies, authorities issued a crime bulletin to help identify the suspect. Through tips from the public, law enforcement was able to identify Ibarra-Vega as a person of interest in the crimes.

The defendant subsequently was arrested on Dec. 16.

If convicted as charged, Ibarra-Vega faces a possible maximum sentence of 11 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's</u> <u>Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.